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## IMPROVEMENT WORKERS HAVE BUSY SESSION; BEAUTY PLANS UP

Several interesting matters were advanced for practical action at a special meeting of the Oahu Central Improvement Committee, at the rooms of the Merchants' Association last night, Vice-President Logan presiding in the absence of President von Damm from the city.

Mrs. F. J. Lowrey, with whom Mrs. H. Waterhouse represented the Kilo-hana Club, presented the newest and largest scheme of improvement. This was a scheme for converting the grounds around the Capitol, the Library of Hawaii and the Judiciary building, on both sides of King street, into a civic center park. There was nothing in the scheme to interfere with the open space of Palace Square, but it was proposed to have a tree-planting scheme for its borders.

With an oral introduction, Mrs. Lowrey presented written suggestions by David Haughey, government forest nurseryman, for the proposed park. These included a sweeping driveway from the corner of the Capitol grounds at King and Richards streets, which should pass the Archives building and, by way of Likiep street, the Library of Hawaii; then, crossing King street, make a curve around past the front of the Judiciary building. Removal of the concrete coping and iron fence from around the Capitol grounds is part of the scheme, and the ladies wished this done at once if possible. One part of the plan as suggested they did not approve of, nor did the meeting, this being to narrow the present straight driveway from the King street gate to the Capitol front. It was thought that it would interfere with reviews, such as that of the Boy Scouts, by the Governor the other day, also detract from the Capitol front perspective. A sketch of the proposed roadways, which are to be flanked with concrete walks, was submitted with the letter of Mr. Haughey.

The members present inspected the plan, informally discussing it at the same time. Abram Lewis, Jr., from having been chairman of the Library building committee, was able to give valuable information and suggestions. On motion the scheme in general, with the exception of the narrowing of the present front driveway, was approved and a committee appointed to cooperate with the ladies in forwarding the scheme consisting of C. W. Ashford, William Wolters and the acting president.

A committee appointed at a former meeting on the subject of having a frontage tax law passed for the making of new streets was reminded of the approach of the legislative session, and a vacancy in the chairmanship was filled by the appointment of Mr. Ashford.

To the legislative committee, on motion of Mr. Ashford, was referred a complaint voiced by Mrs. Lowrey on the ruthless cutting of trees by the servants of public utility corporations. If there is not law to protect owners of property and the city from this sort of vandalism, new legislation will be sought.

Another matter referred to the legislative committee was that of the regulation of billboards. Mrs. Lowrey reported that most local advertisers had given up the boards, but there remained the foreign ones, who were out of reach of being influenced. Mr. Frazier, the billboard proprietor, had said that he was furnishing works of art for the enjoyment of the poor who could not afford paintings in their houses.

It was recalled that the committee had backed a billboard restriction bill for the last legislature, but a substitute bill entirely for the benefit of the billboard owner was passed instead.

Just as the meeting had begun its business, a most hideous noise was started beneath the windows by an automobile, which was kept up interminably for about twenty minutes. As Secretary George Guild stopped reading communications, his voice be-

ing completely drowned, Mr. Ashford, at the first partial hush, said there ought to be an ordinance making it a misdemeanor to cause such hideous noises. Later he was requested to have the matter taken up by the legislative committee. Tourists in the Young spending their first night in Honolulu must have had a curious impression of the reign of law and order here when their ears were assailed by the terrific noise.

Kalihi Improvement Club, by its secretary, H. P. O'Sullivan, sent in its withdrawal from the central body. The letter was referred to the membership committee to ascertain the reason for resigning, as none was offered in the letter.

At the same moment a messenger arrived with a letter signed by the president of the Kaimuki Club—its secretary having struck work in the midst of a row at last meeting of the club—announcing that its resignation voted at the September meeting was persisted in by the action of last night. Mr. Lewis said, when the chair had stated that a motion would be in order to accept the Kaimuki club's resignation, it was greatly to be regretted that these clubs should withdraw from the organization that was designed to assist them in their own schemes of improvement as well as to work for the good of the city at large. On being informed in answer to a question, that the only reasons heard though not communicated for the withdrawal of the Kaimuki club were a matter of personal pique on the part of some members toward the president and the assumption that the central body was doing nothing worth while, said that some effort should be made to retain the membership of the receding clubs. He therefore moved, seconded by Mr. Ashford, that a special committee of five be appointed by the chair to interview the officers of the resigning clubs with a view to having the resignation withdrawn. Messrs. Lewis, Ashford, W. F. Wilson and Paul Super and Mrs. F. J. Lowrey were appointed.

## RUFUS LYMAN IS FINDING 'HARD LABOR' IS LIGHT

**Complaints Made Against the Nice Treatment of Convicted Embezzler**

Complaints against the alleged freedom given Rufus Lyman, convicted embezzler of Hawaii county funds, by the jail officials on that island have been brought to Honolulu, one of the complainants being J. D. Lewis, chairman of the Hawaii county board of supervisors.

The latter's charges are sensational in character. He says that the privileges given Lyman in the county jail have been so great and so unusual that the other prisoners have become mutinous, and attributes a recent jail-break, in which several prisoners escaped, to the breaking of discipline in Lyman's case.

"Lyman might as well be free," charges Lewis, "because his imprisonment is nothing more nor less than a farce. The people of Hawaii are indignant because of the favors which are being granted this man, who is nothing more nor less than a felon. He is not required to wear stripes, as the other prisoners, and his only duty is to supervise the work of six cooks."

Lewis says Lyman has angered the people by his continued political ac-

tivity while in jail, his long telephone conversations and the stories of the innumerable vials on which he feasts. He complains that the county officials can do nothing because Lyman is a territorial prisoner, and under the jurisdiction of High Sheriff Henry, who has left him at the county jail instead of bringing him to Oahu prison.

When informed of the complaints voiced by men from Hawaii, High Sheriff Henry explained that Lyman had been left in that county to work on the highways with the road gangs. He said he had received no complaint from any of the county officials or other citizens concerning Lyman's conduct, but that if it is desired he will bring Lyman to Oahu, where he personally will see to it that the man gets no better treatment than the other inmates of the penitentiary. It is customary to leave territorial convicts on Hawaii to work on the roads, he asserts, and he had received no hint from anyone in authority that Lyman was not serving in the same manner as any other felon.

## CANTON CO. IS VERY BUSY SHOP

The Canton Dry Goods Company on Hotel Street has been favored with a rushing business this year ever since the holiday season opened, and this is due to a large extent perhaps to the excellent line of goods which has been displayed. While the Canton is one of the smaller business houses, yet one may purchase there anything from a notion to the most costly articles of wearing apparel both for men and women.

The show windows of this concern have been very attractively decorated for the Christmas season with colored lights and backgrounds of gold and silver tinsel and other ornaments. The Ewa window has been given over to Christmas presents for men, and a line of fancy embroidered shirts in different colors, silk pajamas, suspender and belt sets, neckties, bathrobes and other articles of men's apparel are on display.

The other display window contains many very beautiful silk embroidered kimonos and scarfs and also soft cushions with the emblems of the local schools. Some handsome lace centerpieces and also many unique designs in table covers are being shown.

## SUGAR TARIFF

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on that subject without endangering the success of general tariff revision. Such a plan would probably meet with the approval of Underwood.

The Alabamian last spring refused to consider suggestions of a compromise between the House and senate on the sugar bill, but that was for tactical purposes and not because he was enamored of the free sugar bill. He would insist upon a conference now if the two houses should disagree upon the subject as they would if the House again passed a free sugar bill.

Senators Foster and Thornton have been making as many inquiries with regard to the sugar situation as they can. Governor Shafroth of Colorado, who is coming here as one of the senators from that state, has been quoted as saying he will not agree to any bill that will sacrifice the beet sugar industry of Colorado. The query among the Louisiana people is as to how far he will go toward saving it. The beet people can stand a heavier reduction than the cane people; hence the pertinence of the query Senator Thornton, in particular, is making.

If the Colorado senators will look at the subject from the angle occupied by the Louisiana senators, and the Progressives hold the ground they said last spring they would never abandon, it will be possible for the Louisiana senators to choke a free-

sugar bill or one cutting off more than 20 per cent. In fact, they might hold the reduction to 17 per cent, the amount proposed in the bill finally agreed to by the Republicans at the last session of Congress as representing the maximum reduction beyond which they will not go.

## GILMORE HOME

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Philippines, Hawaii, where he was chemist at the Ewa plantation, and in Porto Rico. Doctor Illingworth, who will take the department of Entomology, in the place left vacant by Prof. H. H. Severin, is a University of California and Cornell man, and has wide experience in Washington, California and Ohio. He has been in close touch with our problems down here as well as those in California and is pre-eminently qualified for the post he will fill.

Many New Plans. "This increase in our staff comes in natural order following the increased space we have since moving into the new buildings. We are planning to go ahead on several lines, but particularly on the lines of sugar technology. Indeed, it is intended to organize under the direction of Prof. Walker a department dealing with the engineering and agricultural problems of sugar production. This has been a dream of mine for some time, and the need is undoubtedly. We want a place where the young men of the plantations can learn their life's business from start to finish, a school equal in all respects with that at Baton Rouge or Tulane. To this end we have engaged Prof. Walker who will have an absolutely free hand on the organization of his department, the appointment of assistants and so forth.

Busy Holidays. "My own personal plans are definite as far as they go. I shall spend most of the holidays preparing my report for the legislature, in which I shall suggest several plans which I have for the betterment of Hawaii. One of these will be the enlargement of agricultural extension work, which is being carried to a high degree of efficiency by the agricultural colleges on the mainland, but with which Hawaii has done little as yet. The cost of the plan I shall propose will be small, and the benefits, if put into effect would be large. The greatest good would of course accrue to the people out of town who would be enabled to keep in touch with agricultural advances through the medium of the literature we should send out. I hope that the legislature will make the necessary appropriations for this work.

"My trip was very strenuous, and I found time but for one week of real vacation. I went, in the first place, to secure the additions to our staff, next to attend the conventions of agricultural colleges and experiment stations. I spent several days in Washington, getting in touch with the work that is being done by the Department of Agriculture there, and a week in Illinois.

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